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CONVENING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF AUSSI MASTERS SWIMMING IN AUSTRALIA is to be held in the Australian Capital Territory on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March, 1985. THE VENUE will be the Canberra Workers' Club, Childers Street, Canberra City.

Meeting to commence 9.30 a.m. 11th March, 1985
9.00 a.m. 12th March, 1985

BUSINESS:

1. Roll Call of Delegates.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Conference held in Sydney on 15th and 16th September, 1984.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes.
4. Consideration of the 1984 Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
5. Honorary Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Officers:

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Director of Fitness and Coaching
Public Relations Officer

and to appoint

Top Ten and Records' Recorder
Aerobic's Recorder
Auditor
Sub committees

7. To consider motions of which due and proper notice has been given.
8. To consider Branch Agenda Items:
 - (a) Western Australia
 - (b) South Australia
9. Consider the budget for the ensuing year.
10. Consider a motion or agenda item of which due notice has NOT been given.
11. Presentation of AUSSI Rules.
12. Recommendations by the Executive.
13. Confirm venue and dates for 1987 National Swim and Club Championships.
14. Confirm venue and dates for 1985 Mid Year Conference.
15. General Business.
16. Closure.

Brian Hird
Honorary National Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It only seems like yesterday that I was sitting down pondering over a report for 1983 and here it is a year later - one wonders how quickly time passes.

1984 has been a very productive year for AUSSI and one of the most important projects undertaken was the updating of the National Constitution. A great deal of work, thought and planning went into this document and I would like to thank all those who convened in Melbourne early 1984, for their involvement and long hours spent over a weekend.

To supplement the Constitution and By-Laws, the AUSSI Rules should be ready to be presented at the 1985 Annual Council Meeting in Canberra. Many hours have been spent in compiling this document and here I would like to thank Brian Hird and Des McCormick, in particular, and to Branch Executive who gave valuable input. Also, to Maureen Rose, I extend my gratitude for the typing involved as there have been two draft copies and once approved, will have to type the final document.

Melbourne was also the meeting place for the 1984 National Swim and Club Championships and I would like to congratulate the committee involved in holding this 10th Annual Swim.

To our sponsors, City Mutual and their officers and personnel throughout Australia, go our thanks and appreciation for their past and future commitments to AUSSI Masters Swimming. Also, to Speedo, who supported our National Swim with a very exciting Speedo Relay.

1984 saw an increased involvement in the Aerobics and AUSSI Award Swims. This is all due to the club member, officials, coach, Branch Executive and National Council members. I hope this will continue throughout 1985 as this is such a vital part of the concept of AUSSI.

To my Executive, Brian Hird, Des McCormick, Carol Davis and especially Beryl Stenhouse who joined the Executive as Treasurer at a controversial time which involved hours of work reconciling AUSSI's finances, my sincere appreciation is extended to these people.

I am confident that Masters Swimming in Australia will continue to grow as it did in 1984. I believe that adult swimming is the best and safest way of achieving fitness and the least strenuous.

I look forward to seeing many of my old friends and new members around the poolside at the 1985 National Swim.

Peter Jackson
President

HONORARY NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to present, for your consideration, this report, which marks the conclusion of the 1984 season.

1984 was, once again, a busy year for AUSSI Masters Swimming and the National Executive, in particular.

It goes without saying that during 1984 a considerable amount of work was undertaken. Projects carried out successfully included: the update of the National Constitution; the introduction of a National Swim Guide; the update of the Club Guide; and, by the time you read this report, the completion of the AUSSI Rules.

The staff have branded 1984 as "the year of the update". With the typing of draft papers and the retyping of the finished article, a huge amount of work was completed. Some of the pressure was taken off the office staff when Glenys McDonald, Western Australia's Secretary, volunteered to type the second draft copy of the Constitution. This gesture was greatly appreciated by the office staff.

Administration was not the only area with a success story for 1984. Membership of AUSSI increased by 651 registrations. This represents an increase of around 22% on 1983 registrations.

At this point, congratulations should be given to the Western Australian Branch. It has been the first Branch to achieve a membership of over 1,000 in a year.

Whilst AUSSI National has no direct control over Branch matters, I believe it is of interest to all concerned to show membership figures for the past three years.

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
Western Australia	733	883	1023
New South Wales	680	740	827
South Australia	335	472	602
Queensland	283	309	558
Victoria	415	391	398
Australian Capital Territory	59	55	106
Tasmania	17	56	65

The National Executive met once a month during 1984, under the leadership of Peter Jackson. All meetings were fruitful and resulted in the effective carriage of the day to day administration of AUSSI.

To the President, Peter Jackson; Honorary Treasurer, Beryl Stenhouse; Fitness and Coaching Director, Des McCormick and Public Relations Officer, Carol Davis, I express my congratulations on a job well done. These people have worked under increased pressure during 1984, performing necessary but thankless tasks, for the betterment of AUSSI.

HONORARY NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (contd.)

The Executive had the pleasure of working with the Branch delegates in Sydney at the Mid Year Conference. Held at the Bronte Inn on the 15th and 16th September, 1984, the Mid Year Conference was our second "in house" conference and it was, once again, a huge success.

This year we had Maureen Rose performing the role of Minutes Secretary. Maureen's presence added a certain professionalism to the conference.

Many controversial matters were raised for discussion at the conference. Some of these matters included: the Relay Age Groupings; the lifting of the 400m and 800m Award Patch time limits; and a uniform registration system throughout Australia. These were just three examples of the many matters of importance covered during the two day conference. I would like to congratulate all delegates present on their efforts in representing their particular Branch's views during the conduct of the conference.

The "10th National Swim and Club Championships" was held at the State Swim Centre, Batman Avenue, Melbourne during April, 1984. These Championships were run by a committee from the Powerpoints Club. Regretably, I was unable to attend the Championships but I did receive glowing reports about the event. I would like to congratulate the committee including Dick Campion, Danny Smith, Geoff James and their many helpers. (Placing results and details of record breakers appear later in this Annual Report.)

The National Executive, with the assistance of the N.S.W. clubs, conducted the Third City Mutual City of Sydney Relay Championships on the 20th October, 1984. I feel a quotation from a letter sent to Peter Jackson will tell the story of this swim meet:

"You cannot possibly imagine the boost to the morale of all of us here when this year's cheque for \$1320 from AUSSI arrived. You folk are beginning to make quite a significant contribution to our work you know, with a total of \$2910 for your three City Mutual Relay Championship days.

We are very grateful for this and my Board of Directors asked me to make a point of passing on their sincere appreciation."

Signed R.B. Brittain
Executive Officer, Asthma Foundation of N.S.W.

Although AUSSI operates under a "user pay" principle, it also depends on a certain amount of sponsorship. To our major sponsors, City Mutual Insurances and Speedo Knitting Mills Pty. Ltd., I once again extend our appreciation for your support.

HONORARY NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (contd.)

To Carol Davis and Maureen Rose, the two ladies responsible for the running of the office, I convey my sincere appreciation for their assistance and co-operation throughout 1984. Regretably, Carol resigned at the end of the year to take up a new position. Carol has contributed a lot to AUSSI over a number of years in her capacity as Public Relations Officer. During the last three years, Carol has assisted me to run the National Office along more professional lines. I can only wish Carol well in her new venture.

Whilst passing on accolades, one must not forget the hard working duo, Peter Gillett, National Records' Recorder and Glenys McDonald, National Aerobic's Recorder, for the many thankless hours spent performing their particular duties for AUSSI.

In closing, I wish to thank each and every member of AUSSI for being part of yet another successful effort during the 1984 year. For me personally, it has once again been a rewarding year and I look forward to working for AUSSI throughout 1985.

Brian Hind
Honorary National Secretary

FITNESS AND COACHING REPORT

I wish to present my report for 1984 from the standpoint of that of a professional coach. This may affect the manner in which it is presented and may prove difficult for some to understand the reasons behind some aspects of the report. This, whilst unfortunate, should not be unexpected.

The Position of AUSSI Today

The aims and therefore the desires of AUSSI at this time are not as clearly defined as they could be. We are trying to command a larger audience than we are capable of holding. Our main attribute is that of a competitive organisation where members compete against each other.

Coaches at all levels and administrative officers should immediately look again at their membership numbers. They should look - not to see what the total number is, but rather, to ascertain how many members have left the organisation. Any organisation that has a substantial turnover in membership must be doing something incorrectly. With the passing of time, ultimately there will occur a nil influx of members. To say, for example, that we have over 3,000 members, means very little, if in fact, we have lost 1,000 members during the previous year.

If, as stated earlier, we are losing members, we must not be capable of offering these members what they desire.

At the present time, with leisure time increasing, there is a definite need for people to take up some form of physical activity. This is well recognised and has been the subject of many papers that have been presented on recreational past-times. What should concern us is the variety of activities that can now be offered to people. We compete against many more socially acceptable activities than ever before.

What does Council see as the aims of AUSSI and are those aims possible to attain?

More importantly, what is a feasible number of members which can be expected to join?

At this stage, we are very limited in what we can offer to our members. As stated earlier, we are basically a competitive swimming organisation that relies on past swimmers to join. Not everyone is motivated towards competition.

Are there other aquatic activities that we could introduce that might hold members' interests?

I feel that coaches and administrators should take a closer look at what is actually going on at club level.

FITNESS AND COACHING REPORT (contd.)

Administration

For some time now I have been concerned with the administrative side of AUSSI. The actual organisation of practical swimming and the understanding of the needs of swimmers, etc. are each specialised functions and as such these functions are performed by a small number of members. General administration, although just as specialised, is thought to be the forte of a larger proportion of members. From my observations, I note we are slowly developing a group of administrators who are more concerned with discussing how to administer rules and with discussing how to conduct meetings than they are with assisting the running of swimming activities. This will not be accepted by some, but I refer again to my first paragraph:

For example:

The programme for the most important event of the AUSSI swimming year, the National Swim and Club Championships, has been shunted to a sub committee, for determination. I feel branches should examine this matter.

Coaches Meeting

This year a coaches meeting will be held in Canberra. It is hoped that this time we shall have a good turn out of coaches. I would like to welcome all coaches to this meeting in addition to those who are interested in practical swimming. I wish to point out that this is a coaches meeting and, as such, it will be conducted accordingly. I have some very strong views to express at this time and some interesting suggestions to make to the coaches present.

One point I will put before you, the coaches, is ... "How does the idea of being represented at Council with voting rights strike you?"

Look at the agenda items and tell your Branch what to do about them!

Accreditation

Accreditation has at last commenced. At this stage, 31 December, 1984, I can give very little information about the two pilot programmes. I am aware that Western Australia has completed its trial but I have not, as yet, received a report from them. N.S.W. has yet to start their scheme.

As you would all be aware, when the two trial schemes have been finalised, the courses are to be looked at and a final draft for Level 1 Accreditation will then be formulated.

Each Branch will then conduct Coaches Accreditation Courses. How? When? Where? Don't even ask!

FITNESS AND COACHING REPORT (contd.)

Award Patches

Before I get into this section I feel it must be explained very carefully that I am referring to swims for Award Patches. This has nothing to do with Aerobic Swims.

Many years ago award patches were devised to encourage the newer members to swim a little further and a little faster. A time limit was put on these patch swims in an endeavour to motivate swimmers. It became another target for which they could aim. The swimmer who swam an 800m was then encouraged to try to swim the distance within patch time. Later, as a stepping stone, a 400m distance was introduced. As most coaches would appreciate, there was a good motivational ploy in use, which coaches could use to encourage their members.

At the last Council meeting, Western Australia produced an agenda item which removed the time factor from Award Patches. To my surprise they won the day and now an award patch can be gained very simply by swimming 5 x 400m or 5 x 800m.

As a coach, I can find no substance in the Western Australian agenda item. I can only see that club coaches have now lost a strong motivational tool. I wonder at times what is really behind such a move and I am very surprised to find that coaches from other Branches have allowed this change to occur.

Let me remind members that we are here to serve the members, not to make life easier for ourselves!

A.C.T.

Before closing my report, I would like to comment about the A.C.T. During the past year, I have been fortunate to have been invited to the A.C.T. on a number of occasions to conduct stroke correction and coaching sessions. The reports received from the A.C.T. have indicated that everyone has enjoyed themselves and has gained from these sessions.

I must say that the interest shown by A.C.T.'s members is very high. The last of the sessions, resulted in thirty swimmers going through the sausage machine.

On a serious note, I wish to make comment about the A.C.T. Coaching Director, Les Worthington. I can't praise the attitude and philosophical outlook of Les highly enough. For a person in his position, to allow someone to attend his swimmers and to lay down stroke and conditioning techniques, is really outstanding. Les also joins in the classes as well. I make these comments about Les because as a coach, I might not be as tolerant if I were in his position.

I submit my report for your consideration.

Des McCormick

National Fitness and Coaching Director

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS REPORT

During 1984 this area was not expanded Nationally, as I believe it should have been. The main reason for this was that publicity often requires many phone hours and promotion, field work and I found the office administration hours encroached into days or time I'd have liked to spend on promotion.

City Mutual Insurances again were our major sponsors. We worked to put this sponsorship on a more business-like level. However, this area does need to be developed. Sponsors require, and rightly so, a submission of what the organisation wishes to achieve, especially with the sponsor's money. A long term development plan is, I believe, essential. Likewise, whenever possible, one should do business with their sponsor/s.

Speedo was supportive and the 'Speedo Sprint' held during the National Swim increases in popularity.

The National body with support from the N.S.W. Branch, again held the City Mutual Relay Championships in aid of the Asthma Foundation. Our sponsors expressed pleasure in the growing popularity of this event.

On a promotional basis, the Branches have done very well. Western Australia's involvement with the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism has continued to develop and they have undertaken a number of projects which has promoted AUSSI W.A. and gained much publicity. The growth of the W.A. Branch is testament to this fact. My thanks to Glenys McDonald and Fred Johnson who keep me informed.

Tasmania have also established a good relationship with their Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism and they have a development programme for 1985 which will see the development of one to two more centres in Tasmania.

The A.C.T. Branch's co-operation with the National Heart Foundation was a tremendous success. It just goes to prove you don't have to be big to run a successful promotional venture.

Queensland's target of 500 was ambitious, so they thought. However, they too were successful. The development of AUSSI clubs in the far North despite distance and communication problems, proves this. My thanks to Ed Milligan who kept giving me a running commentary on the statistics.

South Australia's involvement with their Amateur body is leading to more co-operation in this area which I'm sure is going to be of benefit not only to S.A. but in the long run to AUSSI. Nationally, President, Peter Jackson, attended the S.A. State Cup as S.A.'s guest, a good promotional move for S.A. members and other invited guests. I'm never short of information from S.A., thanks to Ivan, Peter, Florence and Jane.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS REPORT (contd.)

Victoria, I'm sure, have been involved in promotional ventures. Unfortunately, I haven't any details to hand. Of course, the 1984 Nationals were hosted by Victoria which is as anyone knows, quite a job.

I have been fortunate that in N.S.W. I have had Val Dorrington to work with. N.S.W. assisted the National Body with the Relay Championships as mentioned before. Ken Ford has had involvement with the N.S.W. A.S.A. which as previously mentioned has long term benefits. Val has worked hard at establishing better relationships with the media which in N.S.W. and Sydney especially, is very difficult. I know she would wish to thank Murray Robertson for his help in this area, as she has been successful. N.S.W. established their own links with sponsorship and their Awards Night was a top event.

There were two projects undertaken by N.S.W. and W.A. in assisting the disabled, regardless of any publicity value. These were both worthwhile efforts and those Branches are to be congratulated.

I regularly received W.A.'s Branch Journal, 'Different Strokes'; 'Tidal' from A.C.T.; 'Masterstroke' from S.A. and the N.S.W.'s and Queensland's Newsletters. These publications were all great and most informative reading. Thanks to Geoff James, I was kept in touch with Victoria by the Powerpoints Club Newsletter. Brisbane Southside, Brisbane Northside, Townsville and Cairns in Queensland also sent me their Club Newsletters. I do hope this practice will continue as I believe it helps the Public Relations Officer/Editor keep in touch with the membership.

While I felt Nationally this area was not extended, our Branches have worked very hard. A cross exchange of information of any involvement or projects undertaken would be of value and should be encouraged. I would also like to encourage all Public Relations Officers, National, Branch and Club, to attend the various courses on 'promotion, development, sponsorship, publicity or media relationships' that are run by the State Departments of Leisure, Sport and Tourism. These departments have excellent films available, especially W.A. (N.S.W. uses W.A.'s films in their courses.)

I would like to thank each and every person who has assisted me over the past seven years and wish my successor much happiness in this interesting and challenging position.

Carol Davis
Public Relations Officer

A.A.S. REPORT

To All Members,

1984 was supposed to be a great step forward. Instead, it became one of great frustrations and disappointments.

The intention was to produce a quality journal that was to be the organisation's "shop window". To this end, we were successful. The journal was quality and reaction to it from members and those outside the organisation was positive. I believed we were on the right track and I had ideas and plans for the future.

The frustrations started when production dates were delayed and delayed and delayed yet again. All members of the A.A.S. sub committee did their utmost to sort out these delays, but to no avail. The company we were contracted to, found themselves in financial difficulties, a detail we were not told about until very late in the whole affair. So, through no fault of our own, we found ourselves trying to explain these problems to our members who rightly so were annoyed at the non arrival of their promised journal.

The second frustration was due to the system of "all members receiving A.A.S." The work involved in receiving the A.A.S. cards, typing up lists of additions, deletions and the cross tick necessary, gave the office many hours of work.

The disappointments resulted not only from the sense of not meeting one's obligations to the members but the cost factors. When reaching the decision to update the journal, it was expected that all Branches would be able to find at least one sponsor who would advertise in the journal. Instead, it was left to the National Executive, who in fact had neither the time nor expertise to go out and solicit advertisements past those from our National sponsor, City Mutual. Apparently, each of our Branches seemed to be faced with the same problem, although to give credit where it's due, the N.S.W. Branch did come up with two small advertisements. Unfortunately, too little, too late.

The Treasurer, on viewing the escalating costs associated with the journal, rang all the alarm bells. She was most emphatic that the trend could not continue.

The decisions reached at the Mid Year Conference for registrations to become computerised and the journal to go out on subscription were indeed a light at the end of what had become a very dark tunnel.

During November, the A.A.S. sub committee began negotiating with Colourscene re the production of 1985 A.A.S. After many discussions, the proposal made by Colourscene was accepted. We believe it to be a forward thinking concept wherein the Editor of A.A.S. will be responsible for 8 to 16 pages of editorial material which will feature in a journal that will cover all aspects of swimming and water involvement. The workload of the A.A.S. Editor will be more than halved. There will be no office administration other than a minimum of typing that the Editor will request. The cost saving factors were most appealing and had the approval of the National Treasurer.

A.A.S. REPORT (contd.)

Initially I believe there will be some reaction suggesting we have lost the individuality and our control of the journal. I hope those people will stop and think. The AUSSI content can be, in fact, should be of the highest quality. We will still have our "shop window". However, we will be reaching a far wider area of potential members and our involvement in the total swimming scene can only be of benefit to us when we again make application for Federal funds.

In conclusion, I would like to say I was first involved in the production of the Year Books of 1978 and 1979. The first AUSSI journal came out in December 1979. Seven years is a long time to be around editing the organisation's journal. However, they have been rich, rewarding years and I have learnt a great deal. I wish my successor all the joy and none of the frustrations of this job.

Carol Davis
Editor

OFFICE REPORT

During 1984 there was a great increase in the workload undertaken by the office. Naturally, office hours increased.

The updating that was done during the year - Club Guide, Constitution, National Swim Guide and Rules, gave unprecedented hours of typing to be done.

Although it is financially the most sensible thing to do, the sharing between N.S.W. and National is a problem because of lack of space and the lack of job descriptions for the office staff of both bodies.

The National body is obligated to keep a great deal of stock on hand, forms, books, etc. plus the AUSSI gear. This requires space.

Naturally, both N.S.W. and National are grateful for the rent free office supplied to them by City Mutual. However, rent free space and efficiency will need to be looked at carefully.

Looking into 1985, we see improvements in so much that the National Secretary is preparing job descriptions.

The registrations are going onto computer and having the ability to call on the computer for certain details and data, will cut down on office work and as such, hours.

An effort will be made to catalogue AUSSI gear and sell it more efficiently.

All work hours associated with the production of A.A.S. will cease. This includes cross checking registrations, making out A.A.S. cards, typing up mailing lists, noting the returns and typing the editorial (although certain editorial material will still need to be typed).

As you will see, office hours should be well cut back. Therefore, a decrease in wages should follow. This will comply with the Treasurer's requests for cost saving measures.

We hope 1985 will see the office change its direction to a point and become even more efficient.

We would like to thank the National Executive and all Branch personnel for their co-operation during 1985 and look forward to a happy successful 1985.

Carol Davis and Maureen Rose

OFFICE REPORT (contd.)OFFICE STAFF

Although I will leave the position of Office Administrator in December, I would like to thank the many people I've worked with especially the National Executive - Peter, Brian, Beryl (previously Mary) and Des who have become very dear friends.

Also, without offending anyone, I hope, thank you to Peter Gillett (S.A.) for always "being there" for me; Ray Rose (Qld.) for his ability to see ahead clearly, and to Glenys McDonald (W.A.) who I always know shared with me the same desire to do the best we could for AUSSI. Lastly to Maureen, whose calm efficient presence and willingness to do the 'impossible' was appreciated more than words can express.

Carol Davis

NATIONAL AEROBIC REPORT

As this report goes to print prior to the closing date for entries for the National Aerobic Trophy, I have very little to highlight.

From telephone calls and letters from Branches during the year it is apparent that the Trophy is becoming increasingly popular and according to reports, all Branches have participated in 1984.

It is hoped computerisation of results will again be possible this year, as last year's concept proved very popular. Swimmers seemed as interested in overall best performances of individuals as well as their club final tally. Perhaps a certificate could be implemented for the top individual pointscorers, both male and female, if Branches feel this is a good idea?

The Rules and Pointscores booklet has been updated and reprinted as per instruction from the September 1984 Council. The forms for the swims have been altered slightly to provide uniformity for recorders and computerisation. The stocks of present forms are quite acceptable, the new forms only being produced when re-ordering becomes necessary.

From 1985, National Award Badges are available for all National Aerobic Trophy swims from 400m - 1 hour. The distribution of these badges is a Branch task. However, as some Branches do not have supplies, or do not wish to acquire large stocks, I suggest the National Aerobic Recorder be given some stocks for distribution in cases where Branch recorders have no supplies of their own. Alternatively, as the growing need is indicated, Branches might consider setting up their own stocks.

Finally, the case of swimmers who cannot manage the swims under the slowest time scale available for their age group has been mentioned. Particularly newer swimmers or those with some physical handicap. I draw recorders' attention to Rule 9 which indicates that, provided all the special conditions for each swim are met, even if the time taken is greater than the tables state, one point is granted.

An addendum will be provided to this report in March with full details and results of the 1984 National Aerobic Trophy.

Glenys McDonald
National Aerobic Recorder

NATIONAL RECORDER'S REPORT

In my report last year, I expressed the opinion that the Top Ten should be published prior to the National Swim. This will not be possible this year for the following reasons:

a) The early date of the National Swim and b) as yet (9th January), I have not received cards from N.S.W., Victoria and Queensland.

It could be argued, of course, that closing dates are final. However, for the Top Ten to be meaningful, inputs from all Branches are vital. I would therefore repeat my request of last year, that the dates for the Top Ten Year be discussed at the National Conference. My suggestion is the year be from the 1st November to 31st October, with all cards to the National Recorder by the 30th November.

The decision made by the National Executive to have the Top Ten printed by "Colourscene" seems to be reasonable. It will save AUSSI around about \$1,300.00 a year. My only reservation is how long it will take them to print it.

I am unable at this time to comment on the inclusion of the 800, 1500, 3000, 5000, 1 hour swim in all strokes and 800 I/M. However, I should be able to report at the Conference.

Peter Gillett
National Recorder

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: BRANCH REPORTPresident: *Toni Morris*Secretary: *Glenys McDonald*

The 1984 season was a year of reassessment. Reassessment brought about by our growing number of swimmers and correspondingly increased workload. We concluded the year with 20 affiliated clubs, and again, a record 1023 registered members. We celebrated being the first Branch to reach the 1000th mark by presenting an AUSSI towel to our lucky 1000th registration, Marlene Hill of Perth City AUSSI.

During the season we welcomed Belmont AUSSI and Perth City AUSSI and now look forward to Armadale and Exmouth joining the fold for 1985.

Administration:

It was disappointing to see, at the beginning of the year that nominations for Branch executive were almost non-existent. The key positions of Treasurer, State Director of Fitness and Coaching and Recorder, received no nominations.

This apathy does cause concern. It is understandable that we adults all have our other commitments and that our main objective is our own swimming and our own club. However, I hope there are those amongst us who realise that all good Associations can only continue if someone is willing to share the load. Fortunately, appointments to these positions were quickly made.

In evaluating this problem, a constitution sub-committee have made certain recommendations in the draft of the Branch By-Laws. If adopted, these will herald a change of format for executive and council meetings which should see the role of the executive as more fulfilling, and the council freed of day to day clutter.

1984 was the first year the Branch has conducted our activities from an office and used a post office box address. There were a few hiccups at the beginning until all settled into the new routine. A problem presented early in the year as to who was going to 'man' the office. Lists of volunteers proved unworkable, so after a shaky start, a routine developed with the Recorder being available Mondays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the Branch Secretary on Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The idea behind my offer was that I could do my secretarial duties while manning the office. However, as the year progressed, I found this time completely taken up with phone calls, general enquiries and visits by club delegates. This meant I had an increased workload for the year - approximately 15 hours per week. I am sure no Association expects this type of voluntary contribution from its office bearers and some further reassessment must take place before 1985.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)Swimming:

Many personal goals were achieved by swimmers of all standards. We, in Western Australia truly upheld the main constitutional purpose of AUSSI which is "To encourage adults, regardless of age or ability, to swim regularly in order to promote fitness and improve their general health." We also lived up to our motto "Fitness and Fun."

Our State Swim and Club Championships, with a record 457 swimmers, was the two day culmination of an efficient and hard working State Swim committee. The Pilbara section of the State Swim was conducted nearly 2,000 kms away at the South Hedland club the week prior, and the three Northern clubs had their times incorporated into the final result.

At the Presentation Dinner at the conclusion of the swim, the Claremont club took out the hat trick of State Swim Champions, State Aerobic Champions and they also won the Administration trophy. Their good work culminated in being the National Aerobic Champions as well.

Several members of the Branch enjoyed the swimming at the 'Friendly Nationals' in Melbourne and others went on to cement relations in New Zealand. Swim Thrus increased in popularity during the year, the most popular being Rottnest Island with about 260 entries. The Branch has been asked to organise a Swim Thru for the 1986 season and a committee will be formed to tackle this.

Submissions for both the Top Ten and the National Aerobic Trophy reached an all time high, with a State Country Aerobic Trophy being available for this year's participants.

Country Clubs:

As detailed in the Extension Officer's report, many visits were organised to country clubs. Unfortunately, a coaching seminar to be held in conjunction with a three club Pilbara swim could not go ahead because neither Marielle Sloss or Kay Cox could attend because of other commitments.

These visits are of immense benefit, as it would appear that no matter how well informed committees are through correspondence, the power lies in the spoken word. Again, a reassessment is currently underway to provide for a more meaningful contribution by clubs disadvantaged by distance and pool closures.

Department for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

The Branch continued to pursue our close working relationship with the Government through the Department. Members of the Executive attended various Sports Medicine, Administration and Coaches courses and meetings. We contributed to a Government Working Party Sports Plan and had meetings concerning pool closures in winter. Our usual contribution to the Over 55's Branch continued, and the Minister of Sport opened our State Swim.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

Unfortunately, our grant application for a part time Administrator was refused because the Minister considers us an Interest group and as such must come through the Association for Swimming - W.A.A.S.A. As W.A.A.S.A. already receives the maximum grant for Administration purposes, our grant application was refused. The Branch intends to continue to lobby to change these guidelines.

In November we were accepted as a non-voting affiliate member of the West Australian Sports Federation.

Community Activities:

We continued with our involvement in several community activities throughout the year.

1. Government Learn to Swim Programme for the Over 55's:

This year the Government received sponsorship for this project from Beaufort Holdings for \$5000 and covered the remainder of the expenses. After completion of the pilot programme early in the year and studying the comprehensive evaluation report written for the Government by Kay Cox, the courses recommenced in November. AUSSI did all the administration side of this project, providing volunteers to work at the Department every day for three weeks. We do not get a large percentage of graduates from these classes into AUSSI but it fulfills a very definite community need and brings our Association to notice.

2. Association for Recreational Swimming:

The Melville AUSSI club is to be congratulated for kindly providing members to volunteer each week to assist these handicapped swimmers in their water activities. All participants reported how rewarding the work was and the Inglewood club have enthusiastically volunteered to take over the reins in the New Year.

3. Asthma Foundation:

The Branch has assisted where possible with the Asthma Foundation's swimming programmes and have spoken to participants on AUSSI when requested. Members of the Executive also attended a seminar on Swimming and the Asthmatic which was very beneficial.

4. Disabled Olympics:

We were honoured to assist our AUSSI member, Alan Morley, from the Maida Vale club with \$700, the result of fund raising to enable him to represent Australia at the Los Angeles Disabled Olympics. Alan was also presented with an AUSSI towel on behalf of the National Executive and the AUSSI members throughout Australia.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)Coaching:

The highlight of our very busy year was however, the pilot Accreditation Course for AUSSI coaches conducted by Marielle Sloss. The thirteen members who successfully completed this course have been glowing in their enthusiasm and praise. Hopefully, all swimmers interested in helping their fellow club members with stroke correction and coaching will have the opportunity to follow in their footsteps.

Finally, I would like to thank the National Executive, Branch Executive and Club delegates and secretaries for their friendship, patience and assistance throughout the year. I'd like to thank our President, Toni Morris, for her understanding, generosity and support; Don Williams and Max Wannell for their usual assistance; Bob Peterson for providing the State Swim sorting boxes; and the Constitution sub-committee for a job so enjoyable well done.

Glenys McDonald
Honorary Secretary

NEW SOUTH WALES: BRANCH REPORT

President: *Sue Ellen Johnstone* Secretary: *Ken Ford*

The year 1983-84 proved to be a successful one competitively, financially and administratively.

Club delegates attended State Conferences in large numbers and by their constructive debate, kept our organisation on an even keel and made progress possible by innovative motions.

One of the more pleasing aspects of attendance at Conferences of which eight were held during the year was the regular attendance of country and outer metropolitan clubs who had to travel many kilometres and one many hundreds of kilometres to participate.

Our numbers increased to 827 members with 29 affiliated clubs - 370 females and 457 males.

Newly affiliated clubs included Coffs Harbour and Ballina on the North Coast, Kiama on the South Coast and even one in the snow country - Cooma. Parke Davis Swimming Club joined us in the city area.

NEW SOUTH WALES: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

A promotional trip to the North Coast was instrumental in gaining Coffs Harbour and Ballina with the promise of more to come and the holding of the N.S.W. Short Course Championships at Kiama resulted in the formation of a club in that town.

Promotional visits such as the one to the North Coast proved their value and further visits to inland country areas where every large centre contains large well established swimming clubs where a flow off of their older members could be anticipated should be contemplated. Many hundreds of new members could be gained from these areas especially as the N.S.W. Executive are currently negotiating for kindred membership with the N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Association. It is anticipated such affiliation will be accomplished in the immediate future.

The subject of area zoning was introduced during the year and met with a mixed reception. The N.S.W. Executive consider that area zoning is inevitable in the future as we expand and we should be planning for such an eventuality or we would be lacking in initiative and foresight.

Steps have been taken on the subject of incorporation and is now awaiting the tabling in Parliament of a type of incorporation that would benefit organisations such as ours.

A Technical Committee of four was established to offer advice to the Executive on current and future commitments. Their formation has already proved valuable especially in carnival procedures and related subjects.

An insurance scheme put forward by City Mutual Insurances was approved and readily accepted by a majority of the clubs. Clubs can now offer free insurance to prospective members.

Official symposiums have been attended, the outcome of one could prove invaluable to our coaches on all levels.

A symposium attended by many and diverse sporting bodies with regard to the forthcoming Bicentennial Authority 1788-1988, chaired by the Premier, engendered great interest and the promise of participation in this tremendous project especially as sponsorship is available.

An innovative and highly successful promotion was formulated by the Publicity and Promotions Officer in the form of "Awards - Swimmer of the Year" for our most deserving swimmer, not necessarily the fastest swimmer. Clubs submitted their choices each month, both male and female and a panel of judges gave their selections culminating in a grand final selection.

Winners of the Annual Awards and winners of world titles were presented with their awards by prominent sporting and distinguished guests at a large city hotel.

NEW SOUTH WALES: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

N.S.W. nominated one of our members for the Sportsman of the Year Award in the person of Robert Waldon, a Cerebral Palsy sufferer from the age of two years. Robert swims regularly at carnivals with success in his age group and at the Disabled Olympics in Los Angeles, gained five gold medals, breaking and creating world records.

The N.S.W. Top Ten publication continues to be most popular and is looked forward to with anticipation and sometimes trepidation, equally so are the Aerobic Awards which are so important and are increasingly gaining more participants.

Competition, coupled with fitness and fun, which is what we are all about was prominent throughout the year.

The World Championships held in New Zealand stamped N.S.W. swimmers as champions in many events creating many records.

The National Swim and Club Championships in Melbourne attracted many of our swimmers winning National Titles and creating and breaking National and World records.

Our State Cup was a resounding success competitively and socially.

Other than the Starter, all timing, recording, judging and refereeing were conducted by the swimmers themselves.

In excess of 400 swimmers nominated and handsome profit resulted. The Dinner and Presentation was held at a prominent Club and was a most successful and enjoyable function.

Our swimmers featured prominently in the British, American and Australasian One Hour Postal swims, many featuring in the Top Ten and in many cases topping their age groups.

Local distant swims were well attended such as the Lake Burley Griffin, the Manly Dam and the Nepean River Swim and completed successfully.

The Blacktown club again conducted their successful open swims of 400, 800 and 1500 metres freestyle and the 400 metre medley. An innovative 24 hour swim was also held by that club with the proceeds going to charity.

Carnivals were in general well attended and keenly contested and proved successful for their promoters.

I was fortunate to be a delegate at the National Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers and also at the Mid Year Conference. Both these important meetings were broadening experiences enabling the delegates to appreciate the several problems encountered by other States and Regions.

NEW SOUTH WALES: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

To conclude, I would like to congratulate the National Executive on their efforts throughout the year and to wish each and every Club throughout the Commonwealth best wishes and good healthy competition.

Ken Ford
Honorary Secretary

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: BRANCH REPORT

President: *Ivan Wingate* Secretary: *Florence Walker*

That time of year is here again when it is necessary to review the activities and achievements of the Branch over the last 12 months.

Membership in South Australia again showed an increase, 472 in 1983 and in 1984, 602. There is no reason to suppose that this trend will not continue. Clubs now number 10 and there is a possibility that two more country clubs may soon affiliate. Unfortunately, the once very successful club of Central District Seals held its last training session on December 29.

At the Annual General Meeting in May, the roles of President and Vice President were reversed when Ivan Wingate was elected as President and Peter Gillett remaining very active in the role of Vice President. A new position was created on the Executive when Kit Simons was appointed as State Carnival Director. Other officers were re-elected unchanged.

During this year a new format for State Council meetings was tried. As the number of delegates grew Council meetings became rather unwieldy and it was difficult to get through all the business in a reasonable time. It was then agreed to hold delegates meetings bi-monthly with the Executive meetings in the interval. Any radical changes would be endorsed by the full council at the next meeting. This worked so well that in 1985 delegates will meet quarterly with the Executive carrying out the business of the Branch the other two months. There is no doubt that this is a far better arrangement and clubs are happy with the decision.

Also in 1984, the State Newsletter was inaugurated. Two editions have been published so far and providing clubs co-operate with news and items of interest, the newsletter will be distributed quarterly. Many thanks to Jane McNamara for attempting this mammoth task together with all her other duties.

The relationship between the South Australian Amateur Swimming Association and the S.A. Branch of AUSSI has always been a cordial one. This year, we were granted honorary affiliation by the Amateur Association, an honour which we appreciate. This assists us financially and offers the comfortable feeling

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

of being part of a greater organisation. We are also very grateful to S.A.A.S.A. officials who are always ready to give their expertise and assistance to our meets when asked. We sincerely hope that this close relationship will continue.

Another honour bestowed on the S.A. Branch this year is an invitation by the S.A.A.S.A. to take part in the City Mutual State Open Championships to be held in January. We have been asked to fill in spots on two nights and the competition is to take the form of relay events. Always entertaining to watch and hotly contested. It also gives a greater number of members a chance to take part and show what AUSSI can do. We are sure it will be a great success.

The year was a busy one for competition. Four interclub meets were held, 9 long open water swims and a two day State Cup Meet, plus, of course, the National Championships in Melbourne and the International meet in New Zealand.

For the State Cup Meet we invited the National President, Peter Jackson, for the weekend to enable him to meet as many South Australian members as possible and to let him see first hand how we do it in S.A. As far as we were concerned the weekend was a great success and hope Peter enjoyed his visit also. At the Presentation Luncheon, after the Meet, Peter was able to meet other invited guests, including the President of the S.A.A.S.A., Mrs. Glenda Bowen Pain and her husband, Peter, who is the Vice President of the Amateur Swimming Union of Australia.

Turning our thoughts to the future, a committee has been formed, under the direction of Graham Ormsby, to work on arrangements for the 1986 National Championships to be held at the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre. The Centre should be in use by May, 1985, well in time for the '86 Nationals. Because 1986 is the 150th Jubilee of the State bookings for accommodation and other venues had to be made very early. Preparations are well under way and more information should be available for the National Council Meeting in Canberra.

Finally, thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of 1984. My fellow members of the Executive for their enthusiasm, dedication and achievement. Club delegates for their attendance and interest at Council meetings, Club Committees for their hard and often thankless work in running their own clubs, and to the members themselves, without them there would be no fitness, no fun and no AUSSI. Long may it continue.

Florence Walker
Honorary Secretary

QUEENSLAND: BRANCH REPORTPresident: *Fred Knudsen*Secretary: *Ray Rose*

NO REPORT RECEIVED.

VICTORIA: BRANCH REPORTPresident: *Danny Smith*Secretary: *Barbara Wilson*

Regular State Committee meetings have been held during the year and were attended as follows:-

President	Danny Smith	11
Vice President	David Gordon	3
Secretary	Barbara Wilson	10
Treasurer	Ted Tullberg	8
Publicity Officer	Diane Norbury	10
Registrar	Pam Kempson	10
Fitness Director	Dick Champion	1
Records Officer	Michael Myslinski	4
Committee	Greg Caughey	5
	Bob McCabe	11
Clubs	Powerpoints	4
	North Lodge	9
	Diamond Valley	11
	Doncaster	7
	Syndal	0
	Frankston Peninsula	1
	Melbourne University	0
	Eccacentre	0

Country clubs rely on the circulation of minutes and relevant information to be kept informed of State happenings.

1984 - We host the National Meet for the second time. Having been associated with the 1978 National Championship meet which was held here in Melbourne, I can see how AUSSI has progressed since then. This year's National Swim was held at the State Swim Centre on 13, 14 and 15 April. This is the only venue that we have in Victoria for this type of meet and many personal best times were set. The Carnival Management Committee with its four Sub-Committees working at top level need to be commended on the way the three days of competition and social activities depicted the AUSSI motto of "Fun and Fitness". The Victorian State Committee was indeed proud it had hosted this National Meet.

The State Championship results were extracted from the National Swim and awards given out at the State Presentation night which took the form of a Bush dinner.dance.

VICTORIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

After the successful National Meet which had attracted several overseas swimmers who were also competing in the 1st International Masters Swimming Championships in New Zealand, a number of Victorian AUSSI's made the trip to New Zealand. The meeting, conducted over five days, attracted some 1100 swimmers from all parts of the world and AUSSI Victoria can be very proud of the number of placings gained by its swimmers.

The State Pentathlon again proved a big success with an increase in participants and a further lifting of the standard of swimming. It may be noted that the 20-24 year age group has not really taken off as these young swimmers do not feel the need to join with the "oldies" yet.

The Inter-Club meets have continued this year and have been keenly contested with several age groups waiting for the final meet to have winners and runners-up decided. Clubs need to be thanked for running these Inter-Club swims. The State looks forward to a continuance in 1985 and more close finishes in all age groups.

The Syndal club set its sights on being one of the top scoring clubs in the National Aerobic trophy award and the Victorian State Branch was very proud when Syndal Sharks came in second behind the strong Claremont, Western Australian club.

Two National conferences were again held this year with Danny Smith, Barbara Wilson and Bruce Rowe (proxy) attending the Annual General Meeting in Melbourne and Hans Wehrens and Michael Myslinski attending the Mid Year Conference in Sydney. These conferences are conducted over two days and are long and tedious because only two are held each year. The Victorian delegates represented the State to the best of their ability and are commended on a job well done.

A seminar on "Duties of Officials" was held this year in February and although the attendance was a little disappointing, it was a very comprehensive seminar and most helpful to all who attended.

The advent of the State Newsletter has helped the Club Secretary to keep members informed of State events. Prior to the newsletter, members had to rely on Club Secretaries getting the news to them. Now, everyone has their own calendar and newsletter so the Club Secretary cannot be used as an excuse for not knowing.

Proceeds from the National Swim enabled the State Branch to purchase a photocopier and I know this will be a great asset in the future. With the amount of work involved in running AUSSI Victoria, the copier has already made my task easier.

Membership last year was 391 and this year, 398. A static display board has been made for promotion and new leaflets are available for handing out.

VICTORIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

1985 is another year. The State Branch is hoping to conduct three or four Master Swimmer Award meets to encourage all swimmers to gain this prestigious award. Clubs have indicated their willingness to continue the inter-club series and the State Championships meet and State Pentathlon meet will again be held. Our members will journey to Canberra to compete in the National Championships and in August several members plan to make the trip to Canada to compete in the 1st World Masters Games. With the National Aerobic award encouraging all standard of swimmers to gain points for their clubs, the Victorian State Branch looks forward to another year of "Fitness and Fun".

In concluding this report I must thank the State President, the State Committee and all Club Secretaries for their support during the year.

Barbara Wilson
Honorary Secretary

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: BRANCH REPORT

President: *Bill Parker* Secretary: *Jane Sutton*

During 1984 our Branch membership has steadily increased to 106 and we have conducted various activities during the year. We are very fortunate here in the A.C.T. to have the marvellous indoor facility at Bruce available to us. Our Wednesday night sessions are spent in the 50m pool for training sessions and our very active Friday night club nights are held in the 25m pool. Activities on club nights include warm-up, sprint races and/or relays, stroke correction and aerobic swims. Many of our new members have really taken to the aerobic swims and we look forward to doing well in the trophy this year.

Our activities this year began with a 300m swim in Lake Burley Griffin on the Australia Day long weekend. This proved to be a very popular event amongst club members as well as the public.

On Saturday 10 March we held a very successful club meet in the Bruce 50m pool with an attendance of 140. There were six world record attempts for 800m and many good times swum in other events as well. Many participants were very impressed with the facilities at Bruce. On Sunday, following our meet, a 1500m swim was held in Lake Ginninderra. We are grateful to the Water Police for their assistance.

Seven of our members journeyed to New Zealand for the First World Masters Swimming Championships held in Christchurch. Those who attended did many personal bests as well as winning medals for being in the first eight placegetters. Many members are looking towards the Second World Championships in Tokyo in 1986.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

In August, we got together with the National Heart Foundation to run a 30 hour Swim for Heart relay marathon. It started at 11 a.m., Saturday 4 August and finished at 5 p.m., Sunday 5 August with over 500 swimmers involved. We raised \$20,000 for the Heart Foundation and it looks as though it is going to be a regular event each year on our calendar. The team from the Department of Resources and Energy (DREGS) won the Commonwealth Bank Trophy for raising the most money (\$3,200). Each member of that team won a commemorative medal. Second, was the team from the Department of Primary Industry (\$2,500) with six other teams raising over \$2,000. Swimmers themselves received goggles, towels and swim bags depending on how much each person raised. It was a very successful event and we look forward to next year.

In October, we held our Annual General Meeting. The following people were elected to the new executive:

President:	Bill Parker
Secretary:	Jane Sutton
Treasurer:	Elinor Mackenzie
Fitness and Coaching Director:	Les Worthington
Publicity Officer:	Dave Ford

At present, we are organizing a 1500m swim in Lake Burley Griffin on the Australia Day long weekend in January 1985 in conjunction with the National Heart Foundation. We have been given a generous grant of \$500 from the Australia Day Sports Carnival Committee to conduct this meet.

The committee set up to organize the Nationals is meeting regularly to put the final touches to the best Nationals yet! We are looking forward to a big turn up in our world-class facility. There will be plenty of opportunity for personal bests, national and world records. It is in this pool that the Institute of Sport train and we can also boast a constant water and air temperature!

Our gratitude is extended to Des McCormick in coming to Canberra to give us two coaching seminars during 1984. Many new members attended and were very impressed with Des' comments and criticisms.

I would like to thank all members of A.C.T. AUSSI for their encouragement and support and wish them well.

Jane Sutton
Honorary Secretary

TASMANIA: BRANCH REPORT

President: *Ken Pitman* Secretary: *Jenny Page*

1984 has been an eventful year in Tasmania. While club numbers remain the same at two, our branch committee has been able to set AUSSI in Tasmania on a progressive course. It seems it will take time to expand but in the interim, we are hoping to build a strong working base.

In 1983, we had an interim committee whose primary task was to formulate a branch constitution. This they did and with minor amendments, it was adopted at our Annual General Meeting in March 1984. The election of office bearers for the new branch executive resulted in -

President:	Ken Pitman
Secretary:	Jenny Page
Treasurer:	Brian Edwards

The remaining positions were filled at a subsequent meeting in April. Those were -

Publicity Officer:	Edith Pitman
Fitness Director:	Trish Beveridge
Recorder:	Chris Holloway

All were keen to see the development of AUSSI in Tasmania.

The National Council meeting in Melbourne was attended by Edith Pitman and I as delegates for the first time. It was quite an introduction to the workings of AUSSI on a National basis.

Then followed the National Swim. Launceston AUSSI had six representatives and Devonport Devils, seven, a few more than our four and one in Brisbane in 1983. Devonport put up some very good performances and finished a creditable 18th overall.

Gavin Singleton, swimming in the 20-24 year age group, finished with three National records and was first in his age group. All attending the 1984 Nationals represented their clubs well and will be looking forward to future National events.

Several informal swims were held between our two clubs, usually in conjunction with a meeting or barbecue. Although numbers attending were not always large, the events served as "get-togethers" and helped us get to know one another - not a difficult task when our numbers are considered. There were 65 registered members in Tasmania in 1984. We'll be aiming for more in 1985. Our clubs experience difficulty fielding relay teams. Launceston club is sadly lacking in male swimmers although things are looking brighter for 1985. It will be a major breakthrough for us to have a relay event in our first State Swim in February. We will then try out at first hand the much discussed relay ages!

Both clubs took part in award swimming and have submitted points to our recorder, to be submitted to the National Aerobic Recorder for inclusion in the Aerobic awards.

TASMANIA: BRANCH REPORT (contd.)

As part of the proposed Five year review of AUSSI, Tasmania has been researching early development. Our first draft was presented to delegates at the Mid Year Conference in September. Follow up information has proved more difficult to obtain, mainly due to lack of time to spare by those involved. However, further information will be collected and added to our first section as soon as practicable.

Our major disappointment has been the lack of interest shown in other areas of Tasmania in AUSSI. Several promising contacts have proved to be just the opposite. A promotional visit by a member of the National Executive is planned but depends upon obtaining financial assistance. We have an approach to the Division of Recreation awaiting a decision at present. Our sights are set on forming a club in Hobart but perhaps we should be looking closer to our own areas in the North and North-west of Tasmania. The rest just don't know what they are missing!

Our Fitness director, Trish Beveridge, organized a very worthwhile seminar in Launceston in July. I'd like to thank her for the time and effort she put into this area. We would have liked a larger attendance but know we made a step in the right direction. We hope to follow up with more of the same.

The biggest event in Tasmania's AUSSI history is coming up in February. Our first State Swim will be held over two weekends on the 8th and 15th February! We are all looking forward to it and hope that after all the hard work, everything runs smoothly.

I would like to thank the branch executive and committee for their help, dedication and friendship especially Ken Pitman for his guidance and Edith for her typing and assistance in all AUSSI matters. The workload is certainly increasing but we look forward to another year of AUSSI advancing in Tasmania.

Jenny Page
Honorary Secretary

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND REGISTERED MEMBERS

<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>19 Clubs</u>	<u>1023 Members</u>
Belmont	Karratha	Osborne Park
Carine	Kenwick	Perth City
Claremont	Maida Vale	Rockingham Dynamic
Esperance	Melville	Somerset
Geraldton	Newman	South Hedland
Inglewood	Northam	West Coast Masters
		Whitfords
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>	<u>29 Clubs</u>	<u>827 Members</u>
Armidale	Hills	Oak Flats
Ballina	Hunter	Parke Davis
Blacktown	Kiama	Ryde
Campbelltown	Lane Cove	St. George
Coffs Harbour	Leisure Coast	Summerland
Coogee-Randwick	Manly	Tamworth
Cronulla-Sutherland	Moruya	Uni. of N.S.W.
Ettalong	Muswellbrook	Warringah Masters
Gosford	Nelson Bay	Western Suburbs
Guildford	North Sydney	
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>10 Clubs</u>	<u>602 Members</u>
Adelaide Masters	Central District	Parks
Atlantis	Seals	Reynella
Blue Lake	Largs Vikings	Tea Tree Gully
	Marion	Western Districts
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>	<u>12 Clubs</u>	<u>558 Members</u>
Brisbane Northside	Ipswich	Sunshine Coast
Brisbane Southside	Rats of Tobruk	Timber City
Cairns	Rocky Crocs	Toowoomba
Gold Coast	Sugar City	Townsville
<u>VICTORIA</u>	<u>13 Clubs</u>	<u>398 Members</u>
Baddaginnie	Frankston	Mooroopna
Ballarat	Gippsland	North Lodge
Diamond Valley	Golden City	Powerpoints
Doncaster	Melbourne Uni.	Sale
		Syndal
<u>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</u>	<u>1 Club</u>	<u>106 Members</u>
<u>TASMANIA</u>	<u>2 Clubs</u>	<u>65 Members</u>
Devonport	Launceston	

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To Toshiba, Saab and the many other companies who advertised in the National Swim Programme.

And lastly, to the clubs, their members and delegates who helped to improve the standard of AUSSI Masters Swimming throughout Australia and increase enjoyment in swimming for "FITNESS AND FUN".

NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPSMELBOURNE 13-14-15 APRIL, 1984CLUB POINT SCORE

1. North Lodge	VIC.771 pts.
2. Adelaide Masters	S.A.608 pts.
3. Ettalong	N.S.W.444 pts.

VISITING CLUBS POINT SCORE

1. Adelaide Masters	S.A.608 pts.
2. Ettalong	N.S.W.444 pts.
3. Tea Tree Gully	S.A.181 pts.

RELAY POINT SCORESUnder 120 years

1. Adelaide Masters	S.A.	40 pts.
2. Doncaster	Vic.	30 pts.
3. Tea Tree Gully	S.A.	18 pts.

120-159 years

1. Power Points	Vic.	30 pts.
2. Atlantis	S.A.	26 pts.
2. North Lodge	Vic.	26 pts.

160-199 years

1. North Lodge	Vic.	30 pts.
2. Adelaide Masters	S.A.	28 pts.
2. Warringah	N.S.W.	28 pts.

200-239 years

1. North Lodge	Vic.	44 pts.
2. Ettalong	N.S.W.	26 pts.
3. Adelaide Masters	S.A.	20 pts.

240-279 years

1. North Lodge	Vic.	42 pts.
2. Adelaide Masters	S.A.	30 pts.
3. Ettalong	N.S.W.	28 pts.

280-319 years

1. North Lodge	Vic.	24 pts.
2. Ettalong	N.S.W.	8 pts.

WOMEN

20-24	1. P. Keough	S.A.	23 pts.	(5 Australian Records)
	2. J. Waterhouse	S.A.	22 pts.	(2 Australian Records)
	3. J. Sutcliffe	S.A.	21 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
25-29	1. L. Cuthbertson	N.S.W.	24 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	2. C. Riley	Qld.	22 pts.	
	3. A. Killmier	Vic.	21 pts.	
	3. J. Barfoot	Vic.	21 pts.	(1 Australian Record)

NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1984WOMEN (contd.)

30-34	1.	Z. Boyer	Qld.	25 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	2.	M. Shuer	S.A.	20 pts.	
	3.	B. Campbellburns	Vic.	19 pts.	
35-39	1.	E. Fleig	S.A.	24 pts.	
	1.	V. Boyd	Vic.	24 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	3.	C. Chalmers	Qld.	15 pts.	
40-44	1.	J. Watson	N.S.W.	21 pts.	
	1.	B. Luscombe	Vic.	21 pts.	(2 Australian Records)
	1.	M. Stanton	N.S.W.	21 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
45-49	1.	F. Gould	N.S.W.	27 pts.	
	2.	A. Kinnaird	Vic.	24 pts.	
	3.	P. Hall	A.C.T.	18 pts.	
50-54	1.	B. Wilson	Vic.	28 pts.	(4 Australian Records)
	2.	P. Dunn	N.S.W.	20 pts.	
	3.	H. Walker	N.S.W.	19 pts.	
55-59	1.	E. Wallis	N.S.W.	28 pts.	
	2.	C. Degroot	Vic.	25 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	3.	P. Adams	N.S.W.	15 pts.	
60-64	1.	J. Drake-Brockman	W.A.	27 pts.	(2 Australian Records)
	2.	M. Dutton	Vic.	25 pts.	
	3.	B. Grace	N.S.W.	19 pts.	
65-69	1.	M. Boase	S.A.	28 pts.	
	2.	M. Calthorpe	N.S.W.	16 pts.	
	3.	L. McCandish	Vic.	12 pts.	
70-74	1.	D. Nicol	Qld.	24 pts.	
	2.	E. McKenzie	Qld.	19 pts.	
	3.	A. Hardy	Vic.	18 pts.	
75-79	1.	M. Wright	W.A.	28 pts.	(1 Aust. + 4 World Records)
85-89	1.	J. Fernance	N.S.W.	4 pts.	

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20-24	1.	G. Singleton	Tas.	25 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	2.	R. Armstrong	N.S.W.	22 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	3.	N. Kime	Qld.	20 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
25-29	1.	B. Ford	Vic.	25 pts.	
	2.	P. Baldwin	N.S.W.	16 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	2.	W. McDonald	N.S.W.	16 pts.	
	2.	J. Townend	Qld.	16 pts.	

NATIONAL SWIM AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1984MEN (contd.)

30-34	1.	E. Jewel	Vic.	24 pts.	
	1.	D. Tantau	Vic.	24 pts.	
	3.	I. McCallum	N.S.W.	15 pts.	
35-39	1.	P. Wyatt	N.S.W.	25 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	2.	B. Eastoe	Vic.	20 pts.	
	3.	T. Lewis	Vic.	18 pts.	
40-44	1.	T. Strahan	Vic.	25 pts.	(2 Australian Records)
	2.	G. James	Vic.	23 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	3.	G. King	S.A.	15 pts.	
45-49	1.	M. Maloney	Vic.	28 pts.	(2 Australian Records)
	2.	K. Wood	Vic.	18 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	3.	P. Jackson	N.S.W.	17 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
50-54	1.	D. Loeliger	S.A.	27 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	2.	J. Davies	S.A.	20 pts.	
	2.	J. Lemmon	N.S.W.	20 pts.	
55-59	1.	J. McMahon	N.S.W.	26 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	2.	T. Donovan	Vic.	21 pts.	
	2.	D. Redpath	S.A.	21 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
60-64	1.	K. Vickery	N.S.W.	28 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	2.	B. McCabe	Vic.	24 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	3.	K. Watson	Vic.	20 pts.	
65-69	1.	G. Williams	W.A.	28 pts.	(2 Australian Records)
	2.	B. Worrall	Qld.	16 pts.	(1 Australian Record)
	2.	C. Tompkins	Vic.	16 pts.	
70-74	1.	K. Ford	N.S.W.	18 pts.	
	2.	J. Hughes	Qld.	17 pts.	
	3.	E. Neville	Vic.	13 pts.	
75-79	1.	F. Griffith	N.S.W.	28 pts.	(3 Australian Records)
	2.	J. Rogers	Vic.	22 pts.	
	3.	H. Fowler	N.S.W.	17 pts.	

QUEENSLAND: BRANCH REPORT

President: *Ray Rose*

Secretary: *John Townend*

This last year has seen a further large increase in membership from 309 to 558 registered members at December, 1984. Our aim of Target 600, tripling membership from 200 to 600 between 1982 and 1985 is now assured. Plans are shortly to be introduced for Target 1000, to reach 1000 membership with 20 clubs before the Bi-centenary celebrations in 1988.

The South Queensland Division has clubs at Brisbane Southside, Brisbane Northside, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast, Maryborough and Bundaberg. The North Queensland Division has clubs at Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville Masters, Rats of Tobruk (Townsville) and Cairns. Moves are also under way to start new clubs at Redcliffe, Ingham and Mt. Isa.

Our influence has also extended into Northern N.S.W. with several members from Ballina and Alstonville regularly attending our carnivals.

Interclub carnivals have continued to attract great interest, with eight (8) being held in the South Queensland Division and three (3) in the North Queensland Division. Brisbane Southside continue to dominate and have a strangle-hold on the President's Cup Trophy, and aim to complete the 1984/85 season unbeaten. Both Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast are hoping to change this.

Our State Cup Meet was held at Rockhampton in March, 1984 and was very successful, with over 200 swimmers competing and with many records broken. We anticipate over 300 to attend the State Cup Meet at Chandler in March 1985, a sure sign of the growing interest of AUSSI in Queensland.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Chandler in November 1984, and saw the resignation of Fred Knudsen as President after a 3 year term. The Executive Committee has been expanded and now comprises Ray Rose as President, John Townend as Secretary, John Palmer and Kerry Herron as Vice-Presidents, Esme Palmer as Treasurer, Ted Wall as Aerobics Director and Darryl Picton as Recorder. Ed Milligan remains as Registrar and continues to represent us in the North Queensland Division, along with Chris Bell. We welcome as South Queensland Division Coach Ian Finlay, assistant coach to Laurie Lawrence.

Our members are looking forward to the new magazine 'Swimming in Australia' and we hope this will finally lay to rest any grumbles about lack of circulation.

We consider the receipt of the magazine by subscription will help in maintaining the cost of AUSSI membership to a level within the reach of all.

Finally, my thanks to our former President, Fred Knudsen and members of the State Executive, as well as all Club Secretaries throughout the State, for the help in making 1984 a continuing success for Queensland.

Ray Rose
President